

a pair of bead portions each with a bead core and a bead apex therein,

C | each said sidewall portion provided on the outer face with means of escaping air between the tire and a mold for vulcanizing the tire,

said means comprising

a circumferentially extending, axially outwardly protruding vent emboss line disposed adjacently to a radially outer end of the bead apex and

a circumferentially continuously extending vent groove adjoining the radially outside of the vent emboss line,

the sidewall portions each provided with a lower sidewall region having a substantially straight profile in a tire meridian section and extending radially inwardly from a position radially inside the maximum tire section width point towards the bead portion, and

said vent emboss line and vent groove disposed within said lower sidewall region so that a part of the lower sidewall region having a positive extent is left on the radially outside of said vent groove and the radially inside of said vent emboss line,

the vent groove having a width in a range of from 5 to 10 mm and a depth in a range of from 0.15 mm to 0.5 mm from the straight profile, and

the vent emboss line having a protruding height in a range of from 0.3 mm to 2.5 mm from the straight profile.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.